GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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FIOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Foreign Investment Promotion Board and a Project Approval Board in order to clear the proposals for foreign investment;

(b) if so, the details and the functioning thereof;

(c) the foreign investment has been made in tourism sector so far;

(d) the proposals of foreign direct investment which have been cleared so far; and

(e) the steps taken to attract more foreign investment in the tourism sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) &(e): Yes, Sir. Government of India has identified Tourism as a `high priority` industry for foreign & private investment. Accordingly, a Foreign Investment Promotion Board and Project Approval Board have been set up in the Ministry of Industry to approve proposals for foreign investments expeditiously. Foreign and NRI investments upto 100% in tourism sector come under the automatic approval scheme.

The Foreign Direct Investment and Technical collaborations approved in the Hotel & Tourism Sector during the post policy period from 1.8.91 to 31.11.99 are as under:

Number of approvals		Amount of Foreign DirectInvestment Approved
Technical	Financial	Total (Amount in Rupees- Million)
131	257	388 42504.73